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# MINUTES

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: February 18, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

Present: Edna LaPan, Margaret Masmanian, Steve Walinsky, Stuard Mulhane Marie Kosiba, Kaye Peltier, and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Lee Ayotte, Everett Grahn, Betty Hamilton, Richard Townsend and Lorraine Hayes.

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed by all members present at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to accept the January minutes was made by Stuart Mulhane. Seconded by Marie Kosiba. Vote unanimous.

### Correspondence

A letter from the Mass Assoc for the Blind announcing low vision skills training workshops. They will be offering six one hour sessions in our area. There is no cost to participants and all insurances are accepted.

We received a letter from the Elder Law Unit of Community Legal Aid reminding us of the free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly families and individuals that they offer. They offer a variety of legal matters such as landlord/tenant disputes, divorces when an elder has been a victim of domestic violence and denial of Medicare benefits. They cover the Central Mass area.

A Letter was received from Sheila Barter, a liaison for the Auburn VNA/Hospice dba Southern Worcester County, looking to give a presentation to the seniors at our facility.

We received a letter from the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. (Odd Fellows) cordially inviting us to the 21 Annual Arthritis Charity Spring Ball on March 28, 2015.

We received a letter from Kathy Devine, Outreach Coordinator of the Prescription Advantage Program (EOEA) offering a presentation to seniors about the Prescription Advantage Program.

We received an award letter from Mass Assoc of Councils on Aging announcing A Keep Moving Walking Program Grant in the amount of \$600.00. The leader for this grant is Sara Reddy and the one mile walk will take place June 2, 2015 at the track at Millbury High School.

### Report of Standing Committee

A. *Budget & Finance* –Ms. O'Connor is waiting to hear from the Town Manager regarding our budget. When he calls the meeting both Mr. Townsend and Mr. Walinsky will attend with her.

- B. Personnel - Ms. O'Connor reported on staffing issue. She had a request, from a staff person, for a leave of absence without pay. The request was for 7 weeks. The Board members discussed having a personnel sub-committee to address these issues. The members felt that 7 weeks was a hardship for the rest of the staff. Ms. O'Connor was instructed to speak with the Town Manager regarding the family leave act and report back at the next meeting.
- C. Nominating – No report
- D. Legislative - No report
- E. Senior Center – Policy Committee- We have no new requests.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment. – Our problems have been snow removal and parking space problems. There was too much snow in the rear of the building and we needed the DPW to plow so the rear exits could be utilized.

Director's Report- We have two on-going programs Free Tax preparation and the Millbury Savings Bank Fuel Assistance Program.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-* Ms. O'Connor reported that Elder Services was giving their Adm. staff 3.5% increase and all the Nutrition Site Manager will automatically get \$1.00 per hour increase because the min wages went up. These raises are retroactive from July 1, 2014 to now.

*Intergenerational Programs./ Friendly Visitor* Ms. O'Connor stated that the "Friends" has utilized most of the "Helping Hands" money it has received from Unibank for snow removal for the elderly.

*Elder Service Work-off Program* – The Town Manager will put this on the annual Town meeting warrant for next year. The amount will be \$20,000.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc. –The "Friends" had 2 of the Vans damaged in the parking lot sometime during the snow storms. Insurance does not cover hit and run. A police report was given. They are going to have a major fund-raiser sometime during the spring/summer. They should be receiving the new replacement vehicle sometime in the Spring. They will need to raise \$12,000. for the 20% match. They will be also be adding 2 more escorts to the transportation program.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

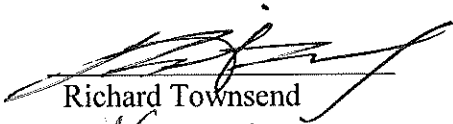
TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals through February – Letourneau, \$125.00, Nstar, \$380.40 Direct Energy, \$584.16, Nat. Grid \$247.56; Belmont Spring \$8.67, Ray's True Value \$26.08, 17.07, W. B. Mason \$78.75, Powers Ind. \$64.00, Aquarion \$261.44, Friends \$163.07, 2,187.50, 3,100.00, & 2,016.00.

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 AM was made by Edna LaPan. Seconded by Margo Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.

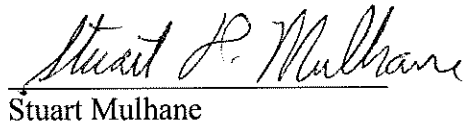
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

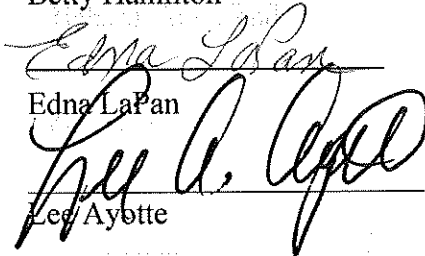
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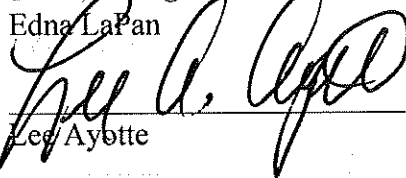
  
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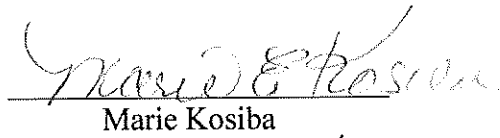
  
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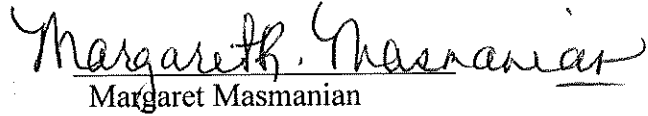
  
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